

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on January 21, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 325 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Roy Brown (R)
Rep. David Ewer (D)
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Stephen Maly, Legislative Branch
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 186, HB 216, HB 245, HB
247, HB 249, 1/18/1999
Executive Action: NONE

HEARING ON HB 186

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Peck, HD 91 introduced HB 186.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 22}

Proponents' Testimony:

Bob Pyfer, Montana Credit Union League

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22 - 102}

Jim McLean, Montana Credit Union Network

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 102 - 118}

Opponents' Testimony: No Opponents

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Reps. Krenzler, Bookout, Simon and Squires question Pyfer.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 118 - 215}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Peck closed on HB 186.

HEARING ON HB 249

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Harrington, HD 38 introduced HB 249. **EXHIBIT** (buh16a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 215 - 433}

Proponents' Testimony:

Ron James, Business Agent, Local 81

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 433 - 467}

Vernal Bertleson, Montana Senior Citizen Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 467 - 500}

Gene Fenderson, MT Joint Hiways and Heavy Const .

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 7}

Rebecca Moe, Montana Women's Lobby **EXHIBIT** (buh16a02)
EXHIBIT (buh16a03)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7 - 60}

Rep. Gutsche, Missoula, MT

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 60 - 71}

Paula Luckenbill, WEEL, Missoula, MT **EXHIBIT**(buh16a04)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 71 - 109}

Rep. Juneau, Browning, MT
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 109 - 116}

Betty Waddell, Montana Assn. of Churches
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 116 - 168}

Michelle B. Lee, Business and Professional Women of Montana
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 168 - 183}

Phil Campbell, Montana Education Assn. and Montana Federation of Teachers. **EXHIBIT**(buh16a05)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 183 - 220}

Sharon Hoff, Montana Catholic Conference **EXHIBIT**(buh16a06)
EXHIBIT(buh16a07)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 220 - 252}

Susan of WEEL
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 252 - 260}

Wendy Young, WEEL **EXHIBIT**(buh16a08)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 260 - 289}

Julie Brewer, Montana Coalition of Women
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 289 - 309}

Kelly (cannot hear name) Montana Peoples Action Committee,
Bozeman, MT
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 309 - 329}

Don Judge, AFL-CIO **EXHIBIT**(buh16a09)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 329 - 416}

Ron de Young, Montana Farmers Union
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 416 - 438}

Craig Sweet, small business owner, Missoula, MT
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 438 - 477}

Melissa Case, Motel and Hotel owners and employees
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 477 - 500}

Christine Kaufman, Montana Human Rights Network
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 12}

Ann Bickel

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12 - 26}

Opponents' Testimony:

Joe Balyeat, President of Montanans for Better Government and CPA

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26 - 120}

Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Assn and Montana Restaurant Assn.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 120 - 148}

Chuck Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 148 - 221}

Bill Stephen, Montana Food Distributors Assn.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 221 - 246}

Riley Johnson, National Federation of Businesses

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 246 - 267}

Larry Flesch, Theater owner, Shelby, MT

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 267 - 342}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Reps. Simon, Pavlovich, Ewer, Matthews, Juneau question Balyeat, Flesch, Judge and Luckenbill

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 342 - 500}

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 49}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Harrington closed HB 249.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 49 - 75}

HEARING ON HB 247

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Harrington HD 38 introduced HB 247.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 75 - 216}

Proponents' Testimony:

Terry Minnow, Montana Education Assn.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 216 - 282}

Jerry Driscoll, MT Building and Construction Trades Council.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 282 - 330}

Mindy Bousia, Butte, MT school employee
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 330 - 372}

Stan Juneau, Blackfeet Indian Reservation **EXHIBIT**(buh16a10)
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 372 - 450}

Carol Brickett, School Dist No. 1 employee.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 450 - 500}

Don Judge, AFL-CIO **EXHIBIT**(buh16a11) **EXHIBIT**(buh16a12)
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 20}

Gene Fenderson, Montana Hiways and Transportation Union
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20 - 40}

Doris Old Person, Browning, MT **EXHIBIT**(buh16a13)
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 40 - 110}

Marlene Melornack, Dist 1 employee
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 110 - 155}

Melissa Case, Hotel and Motel Employees Union
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 155 - 162}

Tom Snyder, Montana Public Employees Assn.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 162 - 173}

Rep. Juneau, HD 85 **EXHIBIT**(buh16a14)
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 173 - 236}

Opponents' Testimony:

Lance Melton, Montana School Board Assn.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 236 - 288}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Reps. Ewer, Squires, Brown, Sliter, Tuss, Bookout, Krenzler, Simon, and Lawson question Proponents.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 288 - 500}
{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 500}
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 3}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Harrington closed HB 247.
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3 - 38}

HEARING ON HB 216

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Pavlovich HD 37 introduced HB 216.

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 38 - 68}

Proponents' Testimony:

Barbara Morris, Owner of Jorgenson's Bar.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 68 - 81}

Sen. Devlin, SD 2.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 81 - 100}

William Spilker

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 100 - 111}

Opponents' Testimony:

Jim Oppendal, Administrator of Gambling Division, Mt. Dept of Justice.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 111 - 152}

Julie Ippilitto, Don't Gamble with the Future **EXHIBIT**(buh16a15)

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 152 - 187}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: No Questions.

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Pavlovich closed HB 216.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 187 - 205}

HEARING ON HB 245

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Simon HD 18 introduced HB 245.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 205 - 403}

Proponents' Testimony:

Roy Spilker, Real Estate Assn.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 403 - 471}

Carl Schweitzer, Association of Plumbers

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 471 - 495}

Bill Pierce, Helena home builder

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 495 - 500}

Stuart Doggett, Manufactured Homes

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 3}

Ira Roberts, Montana Building Assn. **EXHIBIT**(buh16a16)

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3 - 62}

Jim Brown, Administrator of Building Codes, Dept. of Commerce

EXHIBIT(buh16a17)

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 62 - 108}

Neal Paulson, City of Bozeman

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 108 - 184}

Rep. Ewer, HD 63

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 184 - 210}

Opponents' Testimony:

Curt Albrecht Columbia Falls building mfg.

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 210 - 314}

Gerald Patton, Supervisor of Building Bureau, Gt. Falls, MT

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 314 - 400}

Fred Craig, City of Kalispell Building Bureau **EXHIBIT**(buh16a18)

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 400 - 450}

Informational Testimony:

Janie McCall, City of Billings

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 450 - 480}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Reps. Simon, Bookout, Stovall, Lawson, Sliter, Krenzler questions proponents.

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 480 - 500}

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Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Simon closed HB 245

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 56 - 69}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:25 P.M.

REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (buh16aad)